(f) Some of the important safety measures taken to make rail travel safer are:—

(i) Intensification of field inspections and counselling of staff.

(ii) Identification of accident-prone areas by High level Safety Teams and initiating remedial measures.

(iii) Setting up of an expert Committee on Train Partings to study underlying causes and suggest remedial measures.

(iv) Introduction of modern technological aids like ultrasonic testing of rails and rolling stock axles, provision of track circuiting, axle-counters, auxiliary systems, etc., subject to overall availability of finance.

(v) Programmed rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, signal gears, bridges, and other assets.

(vi) Improvement in quality of staff training.

(vii) Intensification of Safety Campaigns.

**Retired teachers of Central Universities**

*131. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teachers of Central Universities who have retired from service during the last five years;

(b) the number out of these teachers who are not yet getting pensions and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of teachers to whom Provident Fund has not so far been paid by the Universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Information has been received from University of Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University. During the last five years, 59 teachers have retired from University of Delhi. No case relating to pension or payment of Provident Fund is pending.

In the case of Jawaharlal Nehru University, the number of teachers retired during the last five years is 15. Pension cases of 3 persons are yet to be finalised. One of them retired during last month and he has not yet applied for pensionary benefits. In the case of the other two persons counting of their past services in previous Organisations is pending finalisation. However, their Provident Fund subscription and gratuity have been paid. There is no pending case wherein Provident Fund has not been paid.

Similar information has been called for from other Central Universities and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**New system for evaluation of answer papers in Delhi University**

*132. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new system of evaluation of answer papers for the different examinations was introduced by the Delhi University this year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether considerable criticism was voiced by the students and teachers of the University also about the efficacy of the system; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in affirmative whether the system is proposed to be reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI